

ALASKA COPPER COMPANY WON A BIG SUIT

Western Counsel Says There Is Ore in Sight Worth Twice What the United States Paid for Alaska.

John A. Carson, Western counsel of the Alaska Copper Company, accompanied by Miss Gabrielle Clark, stenographer in the case, returned today from the successful completion of litigation before the Alaska federal court at Valdez, in the great suit for the possession of the valuable copper mines on the Yukon in the interior of Alaska. He was accompanied by F. D. Arthur, general counsel of the New York company, who went on to his home in the East. Mr. Arthur will be remembered by many Salem people, whom he met when he was in the city looking up the law in the case in the state library, in company with Mr. Carson, the Oregon statute and court decisions being the laws governing Alaska litigation.

Mines of Great Value.

There was directly involved in this suit property aggregating in value over \$25,000,000, there being ore in

sight of the value of twice what the United States paid Russia for all Alaska. So far as the litigation is concerned, the plaintiffs never had a ghost of a chance. Before Judge Wickersham, who was obliged, on the law and the evidence, to find through-out for the defendants, represented by Arthur and Carson. The plaintiffs tried to play a game of bluff all the way through, winding up with an array of counsel that it was hoped would intimidate the court. On the findings the court said they never had a particle of evidence, and there is a moral certainty that no successful appeal can be prosecuted. The counsel for plaintiffs gave this away when they pretended that the court was so uniformly ruling in favor of the defendants to prevent their having any grounds for an appeal, and probably none can be taken, as the principal prosecutor, Frank C. Helm, is under arrest in Buffalo for obtaining money under false pretences. He represented and sold stock on the strength of such representations that the Copper River Mining Company was the owner of the Bonanza mines, securing large sums of money in New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

Oregon is Interested.

Mr. Carson goes to Portland tomorrow to interview the Portland Chamber of Commerce, with a view to interesting that city in making it an object to put a line of steamers from Valdez to Portland, instead of Seattle. The Alaska Copper Co., which is

backed by the Havemeyer sugar trust, is going to build a railroad from Valdez into their mines on the Yukon, and will operate steamers from Valdez to Seattle or Portland. To secure the steamer line to Portland would mean a great deal for the Willamette valley, as an enormous amount of supplies will be needed in that region, and Mr. Carson is sanguine that this steamer line can be secured for the Oregon port.

Governor Chamberlain is in receipt of a letter from a patient at the asylum, who demands to be heard before the legislature at the coming special session. The letter is as follows, given verbatim:

Oregon, State Hospital, Marion County, Oregon, of the United States, of America, December 8th, 1903. J. F. Calbreath, Resident Superintendent of Oregon, State Hospital, Marion County, Oregon, of the United States, of America. You Stated, unto me, myself, that, Governor, George E. Chamberlain, Governor, of the State of Oregon, of the United States, of America, had called, a special Session of legislation, to convene, on, the 21st, of, this month.

I demand, of Governor, George E. Chamberlain, Governor, of the State of Oregon, of the United States, of America, to be heard, in, my own voice, in that, special session, of legislative, rights, when, it, is, in, Special Session. I am, respectfully,

Mott Smith,

an, equalized voter, of, the United States, of America. To Governor, George E. Chamberlain, Governor, of the State, of Oregon, of the United States, of America.

BOLD ROBBERS.

Farmers Held Up in the Northern Part of Marion County.

Woodburn, Or., Dec. 18.—The citizens of Hubbard and Woodburn are greatly excited, having just received news of a bold robbery three miles east of Hubbard, on Rock Creek, which was followed by an attempted robbery.

At 8 o'clock last evening a masked robber appeared at the home of John Watchman, and, at the muzzle of a revolver, demanded the farmer's money. Watchman delivered \$45 to the highwayman, who departed and immediately proceeded to the home of Peter Troyer, who lives only 200 yards distant, and again demanded money, but Troyer failed to deliver, for the very good reason that no funds were in the house.

Going back on the public highway one-half mile to the Whisky Hill school house, where his companion and buggy were in waiting, the highwayman rapidly drove away.

Armed citizens from Hubbard and Woodburn are in pursuit of the thieves, and their escape appears impossible, as the entire country thereabouts is provided with a telephone system connecting with the adjoining towns.

Will Be Punished.

Columbus, Dec. 18.—Governor Nash today instructed the attorney-general of Ohio to bring to punishment all the principals, promoters and witnesses of the prize fight between Ruhl and Green, pulled off at Akron last night. Five hundred spectators were present.

Ross Died Game.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Bert Ross was hung today for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Ward, of San Diego. Ross died game.

Exposition Secretary.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Lavina Egan, of Shreveport, Louisiana, was today elected secretary of the exposition board of lady managers.

Destructive Blaze.

Harrisonville, Mo., Dec. 18.—Fire today destroyed a lumber yard; the loss is \$40,000.

Judge Tuck will give a public exhibition of dog judging tonight at the show. Everybody come; 8 p. m.

Mrs. Clyde J. Harris, of Brooks, is in the city.

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Journal subscribers will this year be given another special bargain day and it has been set for Saturday, December 26th. On that date you can get The Daily Journal for one year, cash in advance, by mail, for \$3, or by carrier for \$5. This is a flat reduction of one dollar, not only for the use of your cash, but to save us, as well as our subscribers the time and trouble of numerous payments during the year. It saves us work and it saves the subscribers cash. Remember the date, December 26th. All who pay up arrearages, if they have any, can on that date get the benefit of this offer. Even if your subscription is paid up to the present time or in advance, you can get the benefit of an additional year on that date at the reduction. If you can't come to the office on that date send it in sooner, and the credits will be made on that date, December 26th.

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PUBLISH ASSESSMENT RETURNS

Able Editorial From the Mc-Minnville News on the Subject

The initiative taken by the Oregon Law School Journal, of Salem, in the campaign against what is termed "tax-dodging" is developing hearty support all over the state. It seems that in some of the counties many residents have given in but a fraction of their wealth, and the need for some remedy is very apparent.

The idea of the Law Journal is to publish in a county paper the assessment of each person liable to assessment in a county, before the board of equalization meets. This publication is now required in several states, and in Illinois the effect has been magical. Each person is made aware of his neighbor's list of property given in to the assessor, and if such neighbor omits any of his property subject to assessment he is compelled to hasten its correction. This law has brought about a revolution in that state with regard to equal and just taxation, and it is almost impossible for one to escape his just proportion of the taxes. It occurs to the News that this is an excellent idea. And since the spe-

cial session of the legislature is convened for the purpose of considering the question of taxation, no more opportune time will ever be had for embodying such legislation on the statute books.

This paper is now publishing a list of taxpayers of Yamhill county paying taxes on \$2500 or over. As we stated last week, we have heard of no general complaint of the valuations given; and yet it has started a discussion, and, outside of its value as a list, be-

ing preserved by many, we are confident that it will result in good. But it must be borne in mind that the list comprises only a small portion of the assessment rolls; and we are confident that the publication of the entire tax roll by the county before the equalization board meets would result in a more equitable apportionment of the burden of taxation, and would much more than pay for the expense in the additional taxes received on account of it.—McMinnville News.

Closing Out Sale at the Fair Store

Everything, including general racket store goods of every description; also the largest stock of toys and holiday goods in Salem.

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Than all other houses in Salem combined. I mean business, and, realizing that, while it will be a loss to me, it will be your gain. Must be sold within two weeks.

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